

MURRAY ANNUAL 2011 LITERARY COMPETITION

Please join us for Murray's annual literary competition. Use your creative ideas with fantasy, humor, nature, or history in a style you like best. Grand Prize winner receives a \$100 cash award or a scholarship to The Writer's At Work Conference or another writing conference of your choice of equal or lesser value.

Categories: Children's Literature
Poetry (poetry will not be accepted in any other category)
Essay or Short Story
Historical Fiction or Non-Fiction
Novel

Divisions: Adult
School Age Youth (grades 9-12)

- Rules:
1. Competition is open to Murray residents from grades 9-12 through adults with a limit of one entry per person per category.
 2. Manuscripts are due February 14, 2011 by 5 PM in the Murray Parks and Recreation Office. If possible please include a photo of yourself with your name written on the back of the photo. Only one photo is needed when multiple entries are submitted.
 3. Manuscripts must be the original work of the contestant and cannot be published at time of entry. The entry should have a title, be single or double spaced, and must be typewritten or computer generated on white paper. Authors of winning entries retain all rights to publication. Manuscripts must have been written or rewritten in the past two years and cannot have received a cash award in previous Murray competitions.
 4. Number of winners and cash prizes will be determined based on number and merit of entries. Judges will select an overall winner for a scholarship to any writer's conference (up to \$400) of the winner's choice or a \$100 cash award. First place winners of each category will be eligible for the sweepstakes award except previous year's sweepstakes winner. Entries chosen for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention will be compiled into a book (if permission given) which can be reviewed at the Murray Parks Office or at the Murray Library.
 5. Judges have sole and final authority in evaluating manuscripts.
 6. Original manuscripts will not be returned but may be picked up after May 1st at the Murray Parks Office. Original manuscripts left at the Parks Office after May 1st will be destroyed.

Submission Form: (Submit one form for each entry. One personal photo is sufficient.)

Name _____ Phone _____ Youth or Adult _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Category:	_____ Children's Lit	Title:	_____
	_____ Poetry		_____
	_____ Short Story or Essay		_____
	_____ Historical Fiction/Non-Fiction		_____
	_____ Novel		_____

I verify the manuscript submitted is original and is neither published nor accepted for publication.

Signature _____ Date _____

I give my permission to allow my photograph and entry to be copied in whole or part for public display, checkout from city library or parks office, or publication in local newspapers. (Optional)

Signature _____ Date _____